

FREE RIDE to the school children of Astoria on the Hub & Astoria Miniature railroad on Commercial St. between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock today. I give this treat to the children because I like 'em all—God bless 'em. Little folks, gather at the HUB at 2 o'clock and get your **TICKETS FREE** and ride with old father Strain.

The City Fathers of Astoria assembled in Council last evening at the suggestion of a few sore heads to pass laws to drive me out of Astoria. Will the city dads do it? Will they be foolish enough to drive an enterprising merchant, a man of means, a man who will assist them in building up their city, who will lend his brains, business ability and hard cash to help make Astoria the Queen City of the Columbia?

I will say to the city fathers of Astoria, you will not drive me from your city

The Plain People My People

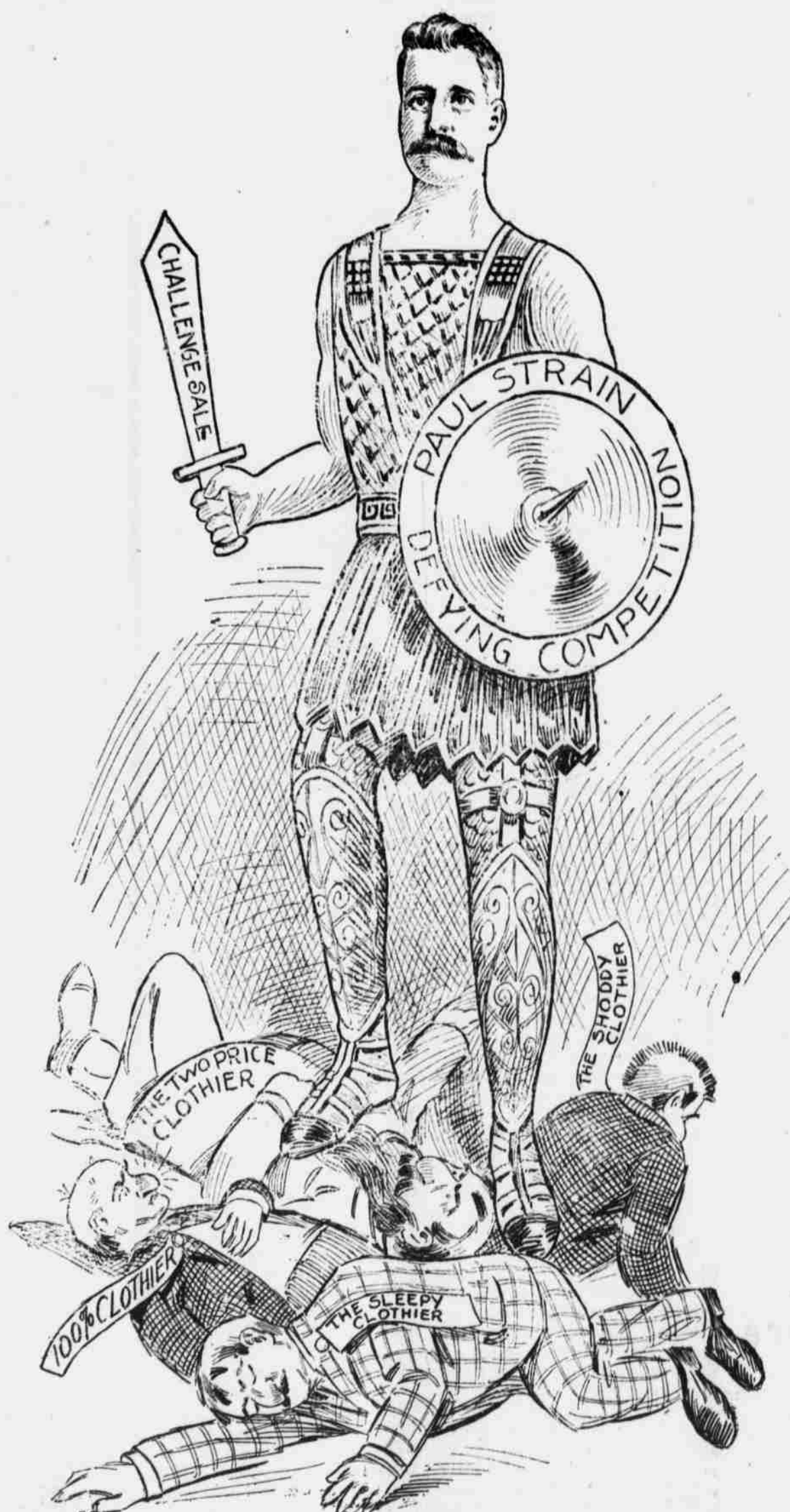
of Astoria have treated me too well for me to go back on 'em, by the hundred they have begged me to remain in their midst, so that they could have protection from 100 and 200 per cent clothiers who have been handing it to them for so long.

I will say this again to the city fathers even if you want to scare capital from your midst.

I will not be Scared

I am like the mortal Lincoln I TRUST THE PLAIN PEOPLE, they are with me and I don't care who is against me.

This I will say to the CLOTHING CLIQUE OF ASTORIA: I will either build or rent a store on Commercial Street right in your midst and I will spend \$20,000.00 and one year of my time which is worth \$30,000 to be revenged on the un-American clothing houses that did resort to such low, mean, contemptible tricks to seife free competition in your midst.



Why Did the
Clothing Ring
Try to Close
Astoria Papers
Against me
So I could
Not advertise
My Goods?
Why

did they cause my arrest on the charge of hawking—the world knows that Paul Strain is not a hawker, NO IRISHMEN DON'T HAWK.

Who asked the Street Car Company to take my banners from their cars?—The Clothing Ring.

At whose solicitation was a special session of the city council called last night, who does it benefit most if I were driven from Astoria, a few clothiers whom I have robbed of their yearly prey, Who is the loser if I am banished from a beautiful town? Everybody is the loser, the fisherman that toils at the ocean bar, the lumberman, the laboring man, the merchant, the banker, everybody is the loser if I am forced to leave.

PEOPLE OF ASTORIA IT'S UP TO YOU

To decide whether I remain with you or not shows by your attendance at my
GREAT HALF PRICE DEFIANCE SALE

of Clothing, Shoes, Hats and Mens fine furnishings that you want PAUL STRAIN THE PEOPLES
FRIEND TO REMAIN IN ASTORIA :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: ::